

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Lottie Dillen will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on October 4, 2003; and

Whereas, on October 4, 1903, on a farm between Orrick and Excelsior Springs, Missouri, God brought a special gift to Robert Lee and Samantha Dillen with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Lottie, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Lottie Dillen will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her marriage on April 15, 1926, to Cecil Allen of Orrick and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Lottie Dillen with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Sara Allen King and Charles Allen; three granddaughters, Shelley King, Karen Allen Neese, and Linda Allen Buchanan; and two great-grandsons, Doug Neese and Brad Neese; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Lottie Dillen has also enjoyed recognition by crocheting beautiful quilts for the needy, working in her garden, making wonderful edibles for her neighbors and friends, helping those less fortunate, making and mailing candy to servicemen during World War II, and serving as an elder at Orrick Christian Church, where she participated in a wide variety of church work over the years; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 100, Lottie Dillen is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Lottie Dillen at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Lottie Dillen, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Kelly
District No. 36

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4291, adopted October 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker